

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:  Hiroto Itou	Examiner:  Patrick Hewey Mackey
Serial No. 10/651,450	Art Unit: 3651
Filed: August 29, 2003	
Title: Image Forming Apparatus Integrating Sheet Postprocessing Apparatus	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Mackey:

Applicant is responding to the Office Action dated June 20, 2005, which had a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on September 20, 2005. Enclosed is a petition for a one month extension of time, extending the period to respond to October 20, 2005.

Claim amendments begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 6.